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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT ANNIVERSARY: "COUNTRY BUMPKIN" SCORES
WU TEH

REF: PEKING 947

1. ALTHOUGH MEDIUM-SIZED CROWDS CONTINUE TO CLUSTER AROUND THE MORE PROVOCATIVE POSTERS ALONG CHANG AN STREET AND BENEATH THE MARTYR'S MONUMENT, THIS YEAR'S COMMEMORATION OF THE TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT SEEMS TO BE FIZZLING OUT. AN APRIL 10 POSTER DRAFTED BY "COUNTRY BUMPKIN" WARNS WU TEH THAT HE CAN NEVER BE FORGIVEN FOR HIS ROLE DURING THE APRIL 1976 EVENTS. ELSEWHERE GRAFFITI REFER SCORNFULLY OR THREATENINGLY TO WU TEH. NOTHING ELSE OF NOTE HAS APPEARED FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS, AND THERE IS A PRESUMPTION THAT POSTERS WILL SHORTLY BE REMOVED.

2. THE FOUR-PAGE POSTER BY "COUNTRY BUMPKIN" (HSIANG-PA-LAO) -- WHICH THE AUTHOR ASSUREDLY IS NOT -- RECALLS THE DEMONSTRATION IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE DURING EARLY APRIL 1976, CHARGES THAT
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PEKING "MAYOR" WU TEH OPENLY ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH THE GANG OF FOUR IN SUPPRESSING THE DEMONSTRATORS, DECLARES THAT WU WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN BY HIMSELF OR THE MASSES FOR HIS ACTIONS, AND ASSERTS THAT WU IS STILL ATTEMPTING TO COVER UP HIS GUILT.

3. ON THE CARICATURE OF WU TEH AS "TUMBLER" AND MATHEMATICS THEORETICIAN THERE HAVE BEEN SCRAWLED SEVERAL SARCASTIC

COMMENTS. IN COMIC-STRIP TYPE BALLOONS ABOVE HIS HEAD,
WU IS PORTRAYED AS DEFENDING HIMSELF AS A "LEGALIST COMMUNIST"
(I.E. THE TYPE EXTOLLED BY THE GANG OF FOUR) AND EXCUSING
HIMSELF FOR HIS ERRORS BY NOTING HIS "SMALL LANDLORD" BACKGROUND.

4. SIMILAR SCRAWLED REMARKS NOW GRACE OTHER SHREDDING POSTERS.
TYPICAL OF THE GRAFFITI IS THE VERDICT "WITHOUT VIRTUE (WU TEH)
IS ONE OF THE HENCHMEN OF THE GANG OF FOUR" WRITTEN BENEATH A
VINTAGE 1976 BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOGRAPH OF DEMONSTRATORS AT
TIEN AN MEN SQUARE. YET ANOTHER BRIEF INSCRIPTION ASKS
PROVOCATIVELY (IF NOT ORIGINALLY) "HOW IS IT THAT THE PEOPLE'S
NEWSPAPER HAS NOT PRINTED A SINGLE WORD ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN
GOING ON IN THE SQUARE?"
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